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22d JANUARY, 1805.

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Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee of the whole House, to whom was this day referred, a report of the committee of commerce and manufactures, on the petition of Oliver Evans, of the city of Philadelphia.

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*In addition to an act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made, for that purpose."*

1     **Be it enacted**, by the Senate, and House of Representatives  
2     of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That  
3     whenever any person or persons, shall hereafter obtain letters pa-  
4     tent, for any new and useful art, machine, manufacture, or com-  
5     position of matter, not known or used before, in the manner recit-  
6     ed in the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful  
7     arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose," and  
8     the term of time, during which such letters patent were limited  
9     to extend, shall expire whilst such patentee or patentees are liv-  
10    ing, such letters patent shall be renewed to him or them, and  
11    continue in force with the like privileges and restrictions, for the

12 further term of seven years: *Provided*, Such patentee or paten-  
13 tees, shall, before the expiration of the first term of fourteen  
14 years, make application to the secretary of state, for that pur-  
15 pose, and comply with all the requisitions necessary to be com-  
16 plied with, in first obtaining such patent.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That where the term, for  
2 which any letters patent heretofore issued, has expired, or may  
3 hereafter expire, it shall and may be lawful for the patentee or  
4 patentees, if alive, to renew the same for the like term of seven  
5 years, from and after the passing of this act, in the same manner,  
6 and with the like privileges and restrictions, as are herein before  
7 provided.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act  
2 contained, shall be construed to render it necessary for any per-  
3 son or persons, who have heretofore obtained a licence from any  
4 patentee or patentees, to renew the same, or to subject such per-  
5 son or persons, to any damages or penalty, for not renewing the  
6 same.